

Transcript

Editorial comments:

SP 12/148/13 f. 53r - 55v. William Herle to Edmund Cornwall.

Address leaf:

[fol. 55v]

[Superscription:] To mi cosyn master Edmund Cornwall Baron of Burford from Ludlowe the vth of marche. 1580.

Letter text:

[fol. 53r] As affectyon good Cosyn ledes me, by consangwinitye & vertew (the on comune to us bothe & the other peculier to your sellf) to love & Reverence yow with mi hart: so wants butt occasyon & power to expresse ytt, to your view & mi satisfactyon. Butt yf yn the mynde be the cheeff power, wherunto the Gods & Accydents be subject, then possesse the better parte, & may [marginalia by Herle: comande] the rest, whattsoever the habilytye be./

This Ceremony is needeles, butt of my syde no ceremony att all, seying I write as I meane, & ment to have written to yow soner, & to have sene yow mi sellf, yf mi poore ocaseyons & travaylles had nott so long hynderd the same, beyng att this ynstant com (as I vowed) to Ludlowe, desirows onlye from hens, to here & understand how yow do, & nott to disburse yow from your bylldyngs & solitarye Recreatyons, And therefore have sent to supplye the same, this berer of purpose with mi lre, to beyng yow in hartye comendacons, & to knowe wheryn I might ani waye stand yow in stede, which I wolld as gladly perfforme as might be answerable even to your own desires./

Towching mi busynes in wales I will give yow this accompte, that albeitt, I have fownd it a towgh long pece of work, & very chargeable: yett~~n~~namely in Respect of the thing I most esteme, that is the consumptyon of mi tyme, yett her majestie & her honorable Cowncell have that care over me, as that of theme sellves they have sent master H[enry] Townsend the rather downe, to travayll with me into Cardiganshire, for the ending fullye of the sayd cawse, by the xvjth of this present moneth, & for the cuttyng of determinatelye, all furth delayes & difficultyes whattsoever, that might Aryse, To which effect master S[...] foxe is allso enjoyned by the Awthority afforesayd, to accompani me thither & so is another of good worship owtt of Mongomerye shire, wherby I hope with more fredom to se yow shortlye, as a person discharged [1 word expunged] of these sutes of Lawe & vexacions, which is a very kynd of deth to mi mynde that is otherwise enclyned./

[fol. 53v] [fol. 54r] Somwhatt allso to satisfye yow, how the state of ^{the} worlld, goeth as it is comlye & propper for wyse men to understand the same, be ^(withowt offence) curyows observer of tymes & actyons. I do send yow ynclosed the ij last advertisments that cam owtt of the Lowe Contryes wherunto may be added ^{which I Receved sithens} that Stenwyck is succord by Coronell master Norys, with synguler prayse to our natyon, beyng butt a handfull of men, ^{to so mani}, att which exploytt a number of the enmyes were slayne, the seege removed, & the sayd master norrys shott throw bothe the shollders, butt without danger (thanck God) of dethe or mayme./

for the frenche matters, on monsieur de marchemont is sent to her majestie as an Agent for the d. of Angeew his master had grett & often awdyens, butt yett undispatched, for that Rests uppon som Termes which wilbe hardlye [1 word expunged] grawnted unto, lest her majestie shold be prejudiced therby, before the Commissyoners & the parlyament shold have ^occasyon^ ~~metyng~~ ~~^first together herby^~~ to treatt of theme ~~without prejudice to the cause~~ [marginalia by Herle: in a free sort] wheruppon it is in suspens, whither the Comissyoners that be now att Bulleyn, shall com over att all, & uppon her majesties [...] to marche mont, deppends ether the prolongyng or dissollving the parlyament, beyng lykelye ^~~(in mi symple oppynion)^~~ that yf the Comissyoners ~~de~~ be permitted to have accesse ~~unto us~~ then the parlyament contynewes otherwise disollves furthwith./

The names of these Comissyoners ^ar monsieur Govenor ^who is^^ principall ~~be the~~marshall [...] of Cossye. ~~Secretary~~ pibrate ~~Secretary~~ pynes bothe Secretories of the State, [1 word expunged] Carowges governor of [Roane] Milleraye governor of Cawx & marchemonte before all depe shewed fellowes wherof ij be grett Cyvillyans butt these ^shewes to wise men^ good cosyne (under the seall of confessyon ^delyverd^ ~~be it spoken~~ be practises rather than Actyons), without grownd of syncerytye, wherunto her majesties provydens is hable to [1 word expunged] ^give suffycient [ends]^ (God be praysed, for all events./ *Latet angine lamen subherba* [fol. 54v] Owr parlyament hath as yett butt a slowe cowrse, for on that [1 word expunged] of the last moneth nothing was then concluded, & onlye the byll of Subsedy ~~twyse~~ ^had byn twice red^ ~~red~~ & that of Religion ones./

Scottissh matters [2 words expunged] ^must gather hete & vyolence^ as they be furnisshed with [1 word expunged] fowell & enkyndlyng ^& setting on^ from foreyn parts. master Randall is as yett unretorned from thence, & the power of our ~~Borders~~ ^northern Borderers^ to the number of iiijm. ar assembled & Redy to enter Scotland, when they shalbe commanded. ye shall have more shortlye, for it is dangerows to have an enmye yn the same Contynent that we be of./

The Erlle marton (after that Religion was establysshed of late in Scotland by parlyament, & conffirmed under the Kyngs grett sealle, which bad [1 word expunged] assurans ye a securitye in eche manes mynde ^of qwietnes & protectyon^ sodenlye was the sayd marton lokyng for nothyng lesse afforehanded syttyng in his chayne within his own howse, by a band ^of odd fellowes^ sent to that purpose ^by theme browght to comittment^ ~~& comitted to prison~~ Afterwards he had forme of Lawe used unto him (as a pretens of justice, ^ [1 word expunged] rather than of effect^ howsoever it was ment) & ^thirte^ browght to Arraygnement, ~~where by~~ his peeres, (far contrarye to dobegnyes ^expectacion^ who now rules the rest ^in scotland^ & is frenche in factyon) he was qwytt & fownd ~~Inculpable~~ ^fawtles^ of the Cryme layd to his charge. yett he is detayned & the seqwell ^of their yntentyon towards hym^ is dowtfull./

The K. of Spayne doth nott only kepe his forcs & navye ^ [5 words expunged] ^ ^together^ undissollved ^that were ymployed of late in portyngall^ butt prepares a new [1 word expunged] provisyon by sea & by land ^for a further enterprise^ joyned heryn with the pope & the pryncs Confetherats ^of Trent^ wherby England & Ireland ~~as~~ ^ar^ shrewdlye thretted./

~~¶~~ Ireland is yn comtoyon still & the englissh pale [1 word expunged] owtt of order, Onelle holdds hym self qwiet. The Irissh scotts ar busye on the north of Ireland. The Cowntesse of Killdare [1 word expunged] ^with^ her son & [...] that fled with the Rebelles, ar arryved in England & ~~ar~~ gon

towards the Cowrt to be suters for them sellves & ^for^ the Erlle of Kyldare ^(the husbond & father to theme)^ that is in holld:

master drake, shall procede in a second vyage well furnisshed & cowntenanced every waye, this halff werye I take mi leve from master pynners howse in Ludlowe ths sondaye the v^th^ of marche ^attendyng your aunswer^ [...]

Don Anthonio the Late K. of Portyngall is thowght to be secretly in frawnce of whom the K. & Q. mother will make their advantayge. I warrant yow smallye for his suretye & proffitt muche ado ther is abowtt jesuites & papists att London 7. bookes sowd of late ^abowt^ colyne the sedycows matter & [...] of the papists. butt the awthors [...]